



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 499

February Session, 2002

AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Any municipality may
2 enter into an agreement with a provider of tax collection services for
3 the purpose of collecting current and delinquent property taxes,
4 interest, penalties, fees and other taxes, charges, assessments, penalties
5 and fees, including water or sewer charges, owed to such municipality.
6 Any such provider shall be under the direction of the municipality's
7 tax collection official. The municipality shall submit a copy of any such
8 agreement to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management.
9 The fee charged to the municipality by the provider of the tax
10 collection services may be paid out of any collection of such delinquent
11 taxes, interest, penalties, fees, charges or assessments received by the
12 municipality. As used in this section, "municipality" means any town,
13 consolidated town and city, consolidated town and borough, borough,
14 and any fire district, sewer district, water district, sewer authority or
15 water authority, organized under the provisions of chapter 105 of the
16 general statutes.

17 (b) No person, firm, association, corporation, partnership, limited
18 liability company or other entity shall provide tax collection services
19 for a municipality unless such person, firm, association, corporation,
20 partnership, limited liability company or other entity is (1) certified by
21 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management as being

22 competent to provide such services, and (2) licensed under sections
 23 36a-800 to 36a-810, inclusive, of the general statutes, as amended, and
 24 remains in compliance with the provisions of said sections 36a-800 to
 25 36a-810. A certification shall be valid for five years and may be
 26 renewed. The secretary shall maintain a list of certified providers of tax
 27 collection services. This section shall not be construed to invalidate any
 28 contract for such services in effect on the effective date of this section.

29 (c) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall
 30 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of
 31 the general statutes, to carry out the purposes of this section. Such
 32 regulations shall include (1) standards and criteria for certification of
 33 providers of tax collection services, (2) procedures for investigations
 34 concerning the retention or renewal of the certification of such
 35 providers, and (3) procedures for renewal, revocation, suspension or
 36 denial of a certification.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

FIN *Joint Favorable Subst.*